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MAGNETORESISTIVE ELEMENT SUBSTRUCTURE, MAGNETORESISTIVE ELEMENT

AND MICRO DEVICE, AND METHODS OF MANUFACTURING SAME

LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17

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